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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
TOWN OF WOLCOTT

March 2, 2011

Connecticut State Legislature

SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF RAISED BILL LCO No. 3823

Please enter into the Record at the scheduled hearing on March 3, 2011

Madam Chairman and Members of the Energy and Technology Committee:

As the Mayor of the Town of Wolcott, please be advised that we support the pending legislation and objectives of Raised Bill LCO No. 3823.

The Town of Wolcott has had head end capability for two years. In repeated letters to and face-to-face discussions with the third-party-provider in the Comcast/Waterbury franchise Skye Cable 13, we have been unable to be granted the ability to operate a Governmental/Educational public access channel on a 24/7 platform.

We have discussed this matter with the Department of Public Utility Control and they have advised us that there is nothing in State Statute, Chapter 289, Section 16.331 that allows for a municipality to be provided this provision. A municipality seeking a town-specific community access channel currently must prevail until the next franchise renewal.

In these times, when local governments and school districts must provide access to meetings and daily information regarding our communities, we ask for your support of Raised Bill LCO No. 3823. In this regard, we enclose a letter from Wolcott Superintendent of Schools Joseph Macary to Executive Secretary Kimberly Santopietro of the DPUC supporting a 24/7 platform in the Town of Wolcott. Both this government and the school district will benefit from passage of this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Thomas G. Dunn; Mayor
Town of Wolcott

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Ms. Kimberley Santopietro
Executive Secretary
Department of Public Utility Control
State of Connecticut
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, Ct. 06051

Dear Ms. Santopietro:

As Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Wolcott, I am writing to you on behalf of the effort being made to provide our town with a 24/7 scroll of information on the PEG community access governmental channel.

Having a community scroll will provide the educational community in Wolcott with an opportunity to expose parents and interested parties with information that by other sources might take longer to get to the public.

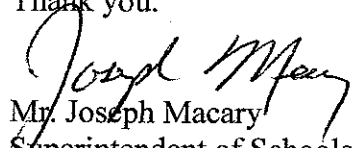
This information would include but is not limited to:

Registrations	Calendars	Exam Results
Lunch Menus	Meeting Dates	Athletic Events
Closings	Special Programs	Health Needs
School Events	Exam Dates	Special Requirements

If the Wolcott Educational District had requested a live hook up at one of our schools, the cable franchise holder would have been required to provide the fiber optic connection almost immediately. This district is not prepared to administer a hook up at this time but we will participate with the municipal government at Town Hall to offer pupil participation and information for a meaningful community scroll.

We feel this is a priority issue. If you require additional information, please contact me at 203-879-8183.

Thank you.


Mr. Joseph Macary
Superintendent of Schools
Wolcott Public Schools

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